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Current Requirements	Possible Proposed Requirements For Discussion and Feedback
Language Arts 4 credits (English I, II, III, IV)	Language Arts Four (4) credits to include the content strands of reading, writing, speaking, listening, observing, inquiry, and using technology as a communication tool. Language arts shall be taken each year of high school.
Social Studies 3 credits (to incorporate U.S. History, Economics, Government, World Geography, and World Civilization)	Social Studies Three (3) credits to include the content strands of historical perspective, geography, economics, government and civics, and culture and society
Mathematics 3 credits (Including Algebra I, Geometry, and one elective)	Mathematics Three (3) credits to include the content strands of number and computation, geometry and measurement, probability and statistics, and algebraic ideas and including the following minimum requirements: 1. One mathematics course taken each year of high school to ensure readiness for postsecondary education or the workforce based on the student's Individual Graduation Plan; 2. Required courses shall include: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or a course of equal rigor; and 3. The minimum course for credit shall be Algebra I;
Science 3 credits (including life science, physical science, and earth space science)	Science Three (3) credits that shall incorporate lab-based scientific investigation experiences and include the content strands of biological science, physical science, earth and space science, and unifying concepts;
Health ½ credit	Health One-half (1/2) credit to include the content strands of individual well-being, consumer decision, personal wellness, mental wellness, and community services;

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Physical Education ½ credit	Physical Education One-half (1/2) credit to include the content strands of personal wellness, psychomotor, and lifetime activity;
History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts (or another arts course which incorporates this content) 1 credit	History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts One (1) credit to include the content strands of arts, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts (or another arts course which incorporates this content) or a standards-based specialized course based on the student's Individual Graduation Plan;
Electives 7 credits	Academic and career interest standards based learning experiences Seven (7) credits including four (4) standards-based learning experiences in an academic or career interest based on the student's Individual Graduation Plan;
Technology No current minimum requirement for high school graduation	Technology Demonstrated performance based proficiency in technology
Total Credits: 22	Total Credits: 22
Additional Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More detail about the district and school responsibility and content of Individual Graduation Plans ▪ Effectiveness and results of Individual Graduation Plan process factors into the Accountability Index ▪ Defines Standards-based Carnegie unit of credit as consisting of 120 hours of instructional time in one subject ▪ Allows for credits to also be awarded as standards-based performance-based credit and criteria for such ▪ Further outlines high school credits awarded to students while in middle school 	